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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re application of:

Albertsson et al.

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RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S ANSWER

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Sir:

This is in response to the Supplemental Examiner's Answer issued December 29, 2004.

The present invention as recited in independent claim 11 differs structurally from the device suggested by Suzuki et al. For example, Suzuki et al. includes an arm 13 that does not rotate. On the other hand, the present invention as recited in claim 11 includes an upper arm that includes a front arm part and a rear arm part, wherein the front arm part is rotatable about a longitudinal axis.

Suzuki et al. is not properly combinable with Mauletti as suggested by the Examiner. For example, Suzuki et al. suggests a one piece arm 13 that does not rotate. As shown in the drawings and described in the specification, Suzuki et al. suggests a robot with five degrees of